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SUBJ: BOUMEDIENE VISIT

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- 1. AMBASSADORS WHO ATTENDED CHOU EN-LAI'S WELCOMING BANQUET FOR BOUMEDIENE FEBRUARY 26 WERE ALSO STRUCK BY APPARENT DIVERGENCIES IN TWO LEADERS' TOASTS NOTED REFTEL. MOST PROMINENTLY MENTIONED WERE APPROACHED TO DETENTE AND QUESTION OF THIRD WORLD.
- 2. CHOU IN HIS TOAST SPECIFICALLY STATES "BOTH CHINA AND ALGERIA BELONG TO THE THIRD WORLD." OBSERVERS AT THE BANQUET SAID THAT, WHILE BOUMEDIENE DID NOT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESS THE SUBJECT, HIS ENTIRE SPEECH HAD A QUALITY OF "WE OF THE THIRD WORLD" AND "YOU THE CHINESE" ABOUT IT. SIMILARLY, IT WAS NOTED THAT WHILE CHOU CONFIDENTIAL

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ATTACKED THE SUPERPOWERS' "FIERCE RIVALRY" FOR HEGEMONY

IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND ELSEWHERE, BOUMEDIENE DEVOTED FULL PARAGRAPH OF HIS SPEECH TO THE STRENGTHENING OF EAST-WEST DETENTE AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. NEW ZEALANDERS AND AUSTRALIANS FOUND DIVERGENCIES IN TWO SPEECHES PARTICULARLY STRIKING. FINNISH AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT BOUMEDIENE'S TOAST SOUNDED LIKE HE HAD DUSTED OFF ONE OF HIS LAHORE SPEECHES AND SIMPLY ADDED A FEW PARAGRAPHS AT THE BEGINNING AND END FOR HIS CHINESE AUDIENCE.

- 3. NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR CONFIRMS THAT BOUMEDIENE VISIT A COMPLETELY LAST MINUTE AFFAIR. HE WAS TOLD THAT ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR HERE ONLY LEARNED OF BOUMEDIENE'S COMING AT KAUNDA BANQUET THE NIGHT BEFORE BOUMEDIENE'S ARRIVAL. OIL CRISIS, BANGLADESH RECOGNITION AND THIRD WORLD CONCERN OVER INTENSIFYING SINO-SOVIET POLEMICS ARE ALL POSSIBLE FACTORS IN PROMPTING BOUMEDIENE'S SUDDEN VISIT. WE SUSPECT CHOU MAY ALSO HAVE PRESSURED ALGERIANS FOR VISIT NOW TO MAINTAIN HIGHLY VISIBLE FLOW OF FOREIGN GUESTS AS COUNTER TO SPECULATION THAT INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES AFFECTING PRC FOREIGN RELATIONS.
- 4. AFP CORRESPONDENT FLIPO HAS INFORMED US PRINCE SIHANOUK WILL COME TO PEKING TO MEET BOUMEDIENE. SIHANOUK THUS APPEARS TO BE GETTING HIGH PROFILE TREATMENT AS WELL. JENKINS

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